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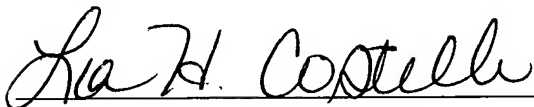
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shibasaki et al. )  
S.N.: 10/088,425 ) Examiner: J. Murphy  
Filed: March 15, 2002 ) Art Unit: 1626  
For: PROCESSES FOR THE PREP-) ARATION OF 4(5)-AMINO-) 5(4)-CARBOXAMIDOIMI-) DAZOLES AND INTERME-) DIATES THEREOF )

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Before addressing the restriction requirement, Applicants request clarification as to which priority document is not in the U.S. file. According to PCT//IB/304 form, all 3 priority documents were submitted to the International Bureau and all three should be available to the

designated states, including the U.S. Please confirm which is missing and whether or not the Examiner is going to request it from the IB, or will he accept a copy from Applicants, or whether he requires a certified copy from the Japanese Patent Office. Considering the PCT form, it seems unnecessary to submit a certified copy and it would seem that the proper procedure would be for the Examiner to request a copy from the IB.

The Office Action Summary, mailed August 30, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 30, 2002, requires restriction to one of the following alleged patentably distinct groups under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372:

- I. Claims 1-5, 8 and 15-18, drawn to methods of making;
- II. Claims 6, 15 and 17-18, drawn to methods of making;
- III. Claims 7-10, 15 and 17-18, drawn to methods of making;
- IV. Claims 11, 12, 15 and 17-18, drawn to methods of making;
- V. Claims 13 and 19-21, drawn to compounds; and
- VI. Claims 14-18, drawn to methods of making.

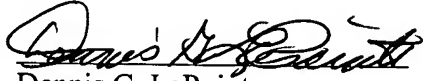
**Applicant, in accordance with the election requirement, elects Group I.**

There is still a very close relationship between the Groups. As the Examiner is aware, Section 121 requires the Examiner to find that the inventions be independent and distinct. Also see, Torok v. Watson, Com'r Pats., 122 F. Supp. 788, 103 U.S.P.Q. 78 (DC 1954). In addition, the statutory basis of restriction practice under Section 121, provides that if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one patent application, the Examiner may require the application be restricted to one invention. This authority is discretionary, not

mandatory. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that such discretionary authority not be invoked and the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Very respectfully,

Dated: 9/19/02

  
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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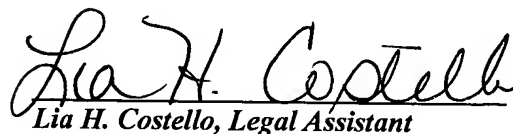
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# FEE FOR CLAIMS

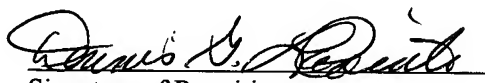
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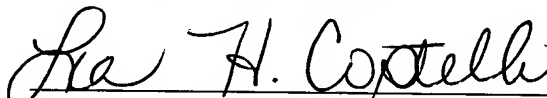
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